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DRILLING

(By J. NESS, Imperial Oil Geologist)

The following amusing description of drilling a well was taken from the December number of the Imperial Oil Review. As a number of our readers are interested in oil well drilling, we consider it worth repeating.

Mr. R. Burns, a Scottish poet with more than a local reputation wrote: "A king can mak' a belted knight, A marquis, duke and a' that."

But an honest man's aboon his might, Guid faith he maunna fa' that! Had the estimable Robert lived at the present time and been wise to the oil game he probably would have tuned his lyre and song:

Book lore can mak' geologists, Wha' hum and haw and a' that, But a DRILLER is aboon them a' By heck! I'll tell the world that! and the Antiquated Brotherhood of Hole Punchers, to say nothing of the affiliated Union of Tool Dressers, would have unanimously passed a resolution that 'Rabbie' had said a whole mouthful, and then some, which leads us to the subject of our discourse.

Some time ago we had the pleasure of explaining to our readers in a simple manner, the phenomenon of oil occurrence. As this did not succeed in stopping the circulation of the Review and as the Editor is again convalescent, we desire to continue our good work by examining another and later phase of the oil progress from fundamentals to flivver and enlighten our fellow workers regarding the drilling of oil wells.

There is, we must admit, an "unconformity," as the geologist would say, between the present article and the former, the preliminary research work of the geologist in the field being ignored. So much has been devoted in recent numbers of the Review to that subject, however, that we feel there is no new light can be shed. In addition, as will be clearly demonstrated in the following paragraphs, the geologist is merely a parasite, a fungus growth, attaching himself to the tree of industry, and his activities are more or less uncalculated for, as long as the driller is monarch of all he (the geologist) surveys.

Most up-to-date oil companies support a geological department whose minions are the vanguard of the production end of the business. It is customary to have a survey made of promising territory and accumulate a large mass of reports and maps showing what's what and who's who, geologically, before getting down to brass tacks.

Usually the geologist reports favorably on the area and his dope is filed for future reference, but if he should be bold enough to condemn the field, his company at once sends for a driller, it being recognised that the one essential for a successful oil field is the condemnation of a geologist.

Whether he has praised or damned, the geologist never fails to mark on his map "the most suitable site for drilling," and the driller comes on the scene prepared to put down a hole anywhere, with one exception of the spot so indicated. Students of psychology might be able to explain this indisputable fact but to the average person it will forever remain a mystery. Your "dred in the wool" driller is a man of action, not of theory. He has in the past had to contend with the 'doodle bug,' whose mysticisms are responsible for many a dry-hole; with the man with the hunch who 'just knows' oil is there; with the farmer's wife who dreams 'three nights in succession that the corn patch is sprouting derricks instead of its legitimate crop, and despite them all has brought in thousands upon thousands of gushers. Why should he budge from his preconceived notion that 'oil is where it is' because some fresh guy from college, hung around with compasses, stadia rods, alidades and degrees, talks profoundly of sub-surface contours, and professes to read the riddle of ages from a hand full of dirt or a fossilised sandrine?

With a species of contemptuous pity therefore, the driller carefully avoids the red cross on the geologists blueprint and selects his own center of activity. He has no prejudices and no fears of the result. As long as there is a good road to the location, a convenient railway station, a plentiful supply of water, and a private still, within walking distance, he will make a hole and get the oil if it is there. If not, then there are plenty other places to try and his livelihood depends on the number and depth of the holes he makes, not on what comes, or does not come, out of them.

The initial proceeding in well drilling is to erect the rig or derrick. So much hangs on the derrick, metaphorically and actually, that we will not only describe it in detail but our illustration will bring it home to every reader.

The derrick consists of four strong uprights or legs held in position by 'girts' and braces and resting on wooden sills which are levelled up and keyed together to form a sure foundation. The structure is generally of wood but lately there has been a vogue for the all steel derrick which has the advantage of being more expensive. The height is dependent on the amount of material used and the proposed depth of the hole, and the erection is designed so that it can be dismantled and shifted to a new location with the minimum of trouble. Power is supplied through a portable locomotive boiler, the engine of 20-30 horse-power being provided with reversing gears. The mechanism is so arranged that the driller controls the entire proceeding from the derrick, the boiler being placed at a safe distance to obviate danger of fire should gas or oil be struck.

The lay mind may not grasp the intricacies of the proceeding but it is exceedingly simple, as the following will show. When drilling is going on, the band-wheel which is in direct communication with the engine, confers motion to the walking-beam through the pitman, whilst the length of the stroke is adjusted by a crank having five holes to receive a movable wrist-pin. While the tools are being raised the band-wheel transfers its influence to the bull-wheel, and if the sand pump is in use the efforts of a friction pulley diverts its energy to that sphere. Should anything untoward happen to the walking-beam, it comes to rest on the headstock post, whilst the driller probably does likewise.

The drilling tools are suspended by a wire or untarred Manila rope passing from the bull-wheel shaft over the crown pulley, a grooved wheel at the summit of the derrick. The string of tools consists of two parts separated by jars, the lower part to give the downward blow and the upper part an upward blow which loosens the bit should it become jammed. The lower portion consists of the bit, the auger-stem and half of the jars, whilst the upper has the upper part of the jars, the sinker bar and socket. It is necessary to proceed a certain depth below the surface before the tools can be brought fully into use, and a cellar is usually excavated below the derrick floor. This however, does not imply that the driller and his crew mean to patronize the local bootlegger, the enterprise being quite legitimate and designed to facilitate the handling of casing, in addition to getting rid of some of the superficial deposits.

For this latter purpose also a strong iron drive-pipe is sometimes forced down as in pile driving, before 'spudding' is resorted to. This operation consists of alternate raising and dropping the tools until they have pounded out a hole of sufficient depth to allow of the real business getting under way.

There are a number of highly necessary mechanical arrangements to attend to before giving the engine steam, but these are of no great interest to us, so we will consider them as read and allow the walking-beam to walk, the drill to rise and fall with each revolution of the all important hand-wheel and the aggressive work on the rock to take its course. The experienced hand of the driller is ever on the wheel to control matters, his orders being conveyed to the engine by means of the 'telegraph'

a wire attached to the throttle. He watches the 'jar' and his reputation as a driller hinges on his ability to read the signs supplied by the action of the walking-beam and the cable. By means of the temper-screw he keeps the bit in its proper relation to the rock on which it is working, whilst all the time he nurses his crazy contraption along with an eerie certainty that would lead one to suspect that he actually saw what was transpiring at the bottom of the hole.

The driller is not the type of man to lead a dull and drab existence and fortunately his calling has provided him with a selection of accidents that add spice to his toil. The simplest method of raising the excitement is to lose the tools and go fishing. Not that he quits the job to follow Sir Isaac Walton; his fishing is done on the spot and consists of recovering the lost 'string.' For this there are special appliances which strange to say, are never on the location. The driller, therefore, wires to headquarters for the necessary tackle and fills in the time of waiting by shooting crabs, cleaning the boiler, or writing home to his mother. When the fishing tools do arrive they are usually unsuitable and are sent back, but eventually under dire threats, he starts juggling with horn sockets, slip sockets, pin sockets, jar latches, boot jacks, spuds, mandrel sockets, rope-grabs, or other bait, and, if the 'fish' proves willing, may finish the job in a month or a year or never.

In the latter case he dismantles the rig and moves to another location.

Another method of banishing the ennui is to allow the hole to go crooked. It is then filled up with chunks of rock, old iron, broken crocks, cast-off clothing, etc., for a few hundred feet and an attempt made to remedy matters. Should this prove unavailing the driller dismantles the rig and moves to a new location.

Co-incidental with the progress of the drill, lengths of iron pipe, slightly less in diameter than the size of the orifice, are lowered into the hole, the calf-wheel being utilized for this purpose. As the name implies the 'calf-wheel' is a smaller edition of the 'bull-wheel' the two being closely related in appearance and usefulness.

This 'casing' is in sections about 30 feet long, and as the hole gets deeper and the diameter is reduced, a smaller size of casing is inserted inside the larger, each string extending from the mouth of the well. As in the case of the tools and the bailer, the casing can also be lost by becoming jammed at the joints, and, has, subsequently to be fished for. Special tools are used, and, if the job is unsuccessful the driller dismantles the rig and moves to another location.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the driller's work is keeping a log or record of the well. This is usually done on a special printed form with spaces for each and all of his various activities. Thus we have columns showing the progress made, the formations passed through, the casing lowered and the casing pulled. The greater part of the form, is devoted to 'Cause of Delays' and in filling in this, the driller rises to dizzy heights as a purveyor of fiction. Some of the more common reasons given are—"Engine gave out," "Fishing," "Broke jar," "Bull-wheel broke down," "Waiting on Show," "Waiting on Casing," or simply "Waiting."

Having exhausted his ingenuity with the 'dred' column, the imaginative driller devotes his attention to 'Formations.' Most of the fraternity have a wide range of description confined to "Shale" and "Sand," all formations without oil coming under the former heading and those with oil under "Sand." Occasionally you can across a driller with an eye to accuracy who will go into the minutest detail and say "Blue Shale," or "Black Sand" but that variety are scarce.

Variety other problems confront the harassed driller as he earns his daily bread, but he has a way of dealing with them all. Water is encountered and he cases it off; formations 'cave' and he cleans out the hole; gas is struck and he uses it under the boiler; whilst all the time his 'side-kick' the tool-dresser, sharpens up his bits

and puts an edge on his appetite.

Eventually, after exhausting the patience of his boss and the capital of his company, the day dawns when the oil sand is reached and, given propitious circumstances, an ever-increasing column of oil shoots up over the derrick. Then the unassuming hero, whose skill, foresight, and dogged perseverance have brought about this miracle of modern industry, caps the well and hands it over to the production department.

He then dismantles the rig and moves to another location.

STEWART PLANS PARLEYS ON OIL, GRAZING LEASES

Ottawa, Jan. 30th.—Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of interior, contemplates holding two conferences with the officials of his department on the oil and grazing questions respectively.

It is the purpose of the minister to endeavour to meet certain grievances with regard to oil regulations particularly those arising out of regulations having a retroactive effect. The opinion of the minister is that in the case of serious attempts at development, the same regulations as existed when money was invested prevail throughout.

The grazing question is a complicated one. Pending the report of the commission under C. A. McGrath, it is provided that there shall be neither entry lease nor purchase of vacant land south of township sixteen in Saskatchewan or Alberta, an area covering the dry belt.

In the meantime many of the grazing leases are on the eve of expiry, and the ranchers are anxious to know what the policy of the new government will be. There have been many suggestions. The Saskatchewan government farming commission advocates "among other things," "community leases," but the system is said to be fraught with difficulties. The Alberta commission has not yet reported.

OIL NEWS

Something happened at the 'big well' that caused several days delay while repairs were sent from the States. Apparently everything was fixed up Wednesday and the big rotary is grinding away. No reports are obtainable as to the depth, the big well has reached, but we think that it is around 1700 feet. The weather has been cold for the last week but with lots of gas and a good head of steam the frost has been kept out of the tanks and reservoirs.

L. O. L. COUNTY LODGE AND SCARLET CHAPTER

The County Lodge and Scarlet Chapter will be held at Irma on Tuesday February 14th. All Orangemen in good standing are invited to attend and help to make this event a success. The local lodge will be pleased to receive applications for advancement to the Scarlet Chapter from Orangemen who are eligible.

—F. W. Watkinson, W. M.

WAINWRIGHT M. L. A. SECONDS REPLY TO SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The honor of replying to the speech from the throne at the opening of the Alberta parliament to-day has been given to Mr. Donald Cameron, of Innisfail. J. R. Love of Irma, member for Wainwright has been selected to second the reply to the speech.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. James Elliott wishes to thank the Irma Ladies Aid Missionary Society for the lovely flowers they sent her while in the Royal Alexandra hospital.

Mrs. Jas. Elliott

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Canada's Needs

No. 2—Agricultural Prosperity

Concluding the first article in this series in which the greatest need of Canada, in order that it may become the nation nature intended it should be, was declared to be adequate population, the view was expressed that, first and foremost, it should be definitely ascertained why so many people left the country; in a word, why Canada failed to hold the people who immigrated to the Dominion, and even failed to hold its own native born.

The fault should be clearly established, and, in the opinion of the writer, it is not far to seek. It is, we believe, to be found in the fact that, despite Canada's enormous area of fertile agricultural land, the wonderful productivity of its soil, and the virility of its climate and people, the business of farming is not a paying one, with the inevitable consequence that agriculture languishes and thousands of people who engage in it give up after years of struggling, while other thousands go on from year to year without making any material advance and become wholly disheartened.

As long as such a condition continues, and millions of acres of arable land remain unsettled and unproductive, all industry in Canada will suffer, our railways will continue to be operated at a loss or be forced to impose such heavy rates upon the commerce of the country as to constitute another and serious obstacle to settlement, development and the business of the Dominion.

All observant men must admit that there is something radically wrong when the second largest grain crop ever raised in the Prairie Provinces, that is so far as quantity is concerned, proved to be, not a debt-paying crop but a debt-producing crop. The hundreds of millions of bushels of grain grown and harvested in 1921 should have given a great impetus to business in Canada, should have paid off millions of debt contracted in the previous poorer years, and should have started many people on the road to prosperity. But, alas, taken as a whole the crop of 1921 cost the farmers more to produce it than they realized from its sale. And this disheartening experience of the grain grower was duplicated in the case of the livestock producers.

Under conditions such as these it is quite futile, and a waste of time, energy and money to endeavor to secure thousands of new settlers to come to Canada and engage in agricultural production. Conditions confronting and governing agriculture in Canada must first be righted.

There will always be years in which adverse weather conditions occur, years when plagues of grasshoppers, or rust, or some other pest will prevail to a certain extent, but every farmer is prepared for these. These things alone did not bring thousands of Western farmers face to face with disaster and ruin this year. Despite such drawbacks, and notwithstanding the high costs incurred in connection with the raising and marketing of the 1921 crop, there would have been a profit had anything like a price comparable with the costs of production been obtainable. But just as soon as the crop began to move the bottom fell out of the market and the grain had to be sold, if sold at all, at a price less than the costs of production and transportation.

That's the situation in a nutshell, and the result is that not only the Western farmers, and the West generally where prosperity depends upon the success of the farmers, but the whole industrial world in Canada is suffering. Business in the East as well as in the West is in the doldrums, is vitally, seriously, affected.

Agriculturists, we repeat, expect to face the vagaries and cope with the vicissitudes of nature, but as individuals they cannot combat such a combination of circumstances as confronted them during 1921 and will confront them again unless Canada wakes up as a nation and grapples with what is our outstanding national problem. A solution must be found, and found speedily, if Canada is to grow and prosper.

Canada can only live and prosper by developing a large and profitable export trade. The chief exports of this Dominion are, and for many years must continue to be, the natural products of its farms, its mines, its forests, and its fisheries. World markets for these products must be found and developed. The fiscal policy of this Dominion should be, so framed as to encourage such development.

A home market for factory products is of no value if the home people have not the money wherewith to purchase the manufactured goods, and the great mass of Canadian consumers cannot have money if the products of Canada's farms do not command a price in excess of the cost of producing grain and livestock.

Thickly populated countries may be self-contained, with an industrial urban population sufficiently large to consume all that the agricultural rural population can raise, and vice versa, but not so in a country like Canada with an enormous undeveloped area of arable land and other natural resources and a sparse population thinly spread out in a line three or four thousand miles long. Canada must produce more from its land than its own people can consume, and a profitable market must be had for the surplus in order that the whole country may prosper.

Professor Says Sea Is Shrinking

Attributed to Collection of Ice at South Pole

Our oceans are shrinking. This change, asserts a professor of Harvard University, is quite independent of local rises and falls caused by the warping of the earth's crust.

FACE WAS FULL OF PIMPLES

For Three Years, Hard and Awfully Sores, Disfigured. Cuticura Heals.

"I had been suffering with a pimply face for three years. My face was full of pimples and they were hard and swollen. They festered and dried up and were ugly, and disfigured my face. They caused me to lose a lot of sleep, and were awfully itchy, making me scratch and irritate my face.

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On the other hand, there are many places round our coast line where the sea is stealing land, says Answers.

There is an old saying on the east coast:

"Gorleston was Gorleston ere Yarmouth was born, and Gorleston'll be Gorleston when Yarmouth is gone."

Gorleston and Yarmouth are on opposite banks of the Yare. North of Yare, Yarmouth is situated on low land, and the sea is gradually creeping inland. The Scroby sands in front of Yarmouth are now completely covered by the sea, although they were recently exposed to view—a rare event nowadays.

South of Yare, Gorleston is protected by cliffs, and, as if afraid of them, the sea is retreating.

But the American professor does not take any account of local changes like these, and there are hundreds of them. He claims that the general sea level all over the world is twenty feet lower than it has been, and he attributes to an increase in the collection of ice at the South Pole.

Coldest Place in U.S.

Have, Mont., is said to be the coldest place in the United States. Its winter temperatures are lower than the winter temperatures of Alaska. At Point Barrow, the northernmost point of Alaska, the lowest recorded temperature is 54 degrees below zero, temperatures below 60 degrees, while Have not infrequently records

Wireless Beacons May Replace Lighthouses

Chief Advantage Is Usefulness in Any Kind of Weather

Admiralty experiments with what are known as wireless beacons naturally give rise to the question, "Are our lighthouses doomed?"

Important experiments have been conducted in the neighborhood of the Lizard, Cornwall, and are believed to have met with success.

If the principle of the wireless beacon is accepted by Trinity House it will, of course, be an untold boon to our coastwise shipping. The number of wrecks will be reduced, but, at the same time there will be an end to the romance of the lighthouse and the lighthouse keeper, and novelists will have to seek inspiration for their sea stories elsewhere.

The chief advantage of the wireless beacon is that in any weather, by day or night, in fog or blizzard, it can be picked up by a ship fitted with wireless as easily as a lighthouse in clear weather. The operator in his cabin will be able to tell his captain exactly where he is without getting in touch with big land stations and without delay.

WHEN WOMEN SUFFER

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"Zxt" is the last word in the English language, according to the new Oxford dictionary.

The man who accomplishes things has learned to labor while he waits.

THIN, WATERY BLOOD MEANS ILL HEALTH

Rich, Red Blood Brings Bright Eyes and Rosy Cheeks

The girl who returns home from school or from work thoroughly tired out will be fortunate if she escapes a physical breakdown, because the getting tired so easily is probably the first warning symptom of a thinning blood that must not be disregarded if her health is to be preserved.

When the blood becomes thin and impure the patient becomes pale, suffers not only tired out easily but often suffers from headaches, palpitation of the heart, dizzy spells and a loss of appetite.

In this condition Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will be found to have a beneficial action. Miss Delia Deane, Lafreniere, St. Heron, Man., has proved this in her own case, and advises others to use these pills. She says: "Before I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I felt like a complete wreck of my former self. My blood was poor and thin. I suffered from faint and dizzy spells, and had backaches and headaches almost every day. I decided to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial, and by the time I had used three boxes I felt much better, and I continued taking the pills until I felt as well as I ever did. For what they did in my case I cannot recommend these pills too highly."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills can be obtained from any dealer in medicine, or, by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Gift to British Foreign Office

Artist Has Worked Seven Years On New Frescoes

The new frescoes at the Foreign Office, a gift from Sigismund Goetz, the eminent painter, were recently inspected by members of the Cabinet Council.

There are five large works, reaching from dado to ceiling, and three smaller subjects over the doorway. They treat of the origin, education, development, expansion and triumph of the British Empire.

Descriptive phrases above the main subjects indicate the scope of each:

"The seafarers claim Britain as their bride."

"She teaches her children the arts of war."

"Mistress of the seas, she sends her sons into distant lands."

"To the Motherland they offer aid and counsel; friends allied acclaim the righteous peace."

Mr. Goetz has been employed on the work for seven years. "It has been agreed that no call shall be made on public funds, not even for the fixing of the frescoes to the walls," said the artist to a press representative.

"I have accepted responsibility for the whole thing, and that is as well to explain in these days of unemployment."

Minard's Liniment For Garget in Cows

11 OUT OF 100

Deeds ended in death! So a recent Canadian investigation showed. These were not cases of infectious diseases—of consumption—of typhoid! They were cases where a person had sustained some slight injury—a cut, a burn, a wire-prick—and where the wound, being thought not serious enough for careful treatment, had been neglected. Blood-poisoning and death resulted. When you or your children sustain any injury, counter against infection by applying Zam-Buk. This balm soothes the pain, stops bleeding, and by destroying all germs prevents blood-poisoning, etc. Hence no time need be lost from work or pleasure by those who use Zam-Buk. All dealers, 50c box.

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Tea Frock of Chiffon And Crystal Bugles



By Marie Belmont

Crystal bugles effectively cover this frock of orange chiffon. The dress is simple in design, showing a straight wide panel dropping free in the back from shoulders to hem line.

The importance of little things in costume detail is here symbolized in the use of hand of silver which draws the neck line together in front. The silver note re-appears in the underbodice which shows beneath the slit, and in the narrow silver girde.

Silver bugles are stunning on a background of white, and this frock is very youthful and charming in white and silver.

Thirty thousand years was the total of the ages of 419 old people entertained at a dinner in London recently.

A man's brain attains its maximum weight at the age of 23 years.

Nervous Breakdown COULDN'T SLEEP NIGHTS

To those on the verge of a nervous breakdown the following symptoms present themselves: nervous headaches, a feeling of depression, fitful, disturbed, restless and unrefreshing sleep, often troubled with frightful dreams, avoidance of crowded places, dread of being alone, horror of society, etc.

When the nerves become affected in this way the heart generally becomes affected too, and on the first signs of any weakness of the heart or nervous flagging energy or physical breakdown do not wait until your case becomes hopeless, but get a remedy that will at once quieten the nerves, strengthen the heart and build up the entire system.

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"YOUR TEETH"

CLEFT PALATE

By REA PROCTOR MCGEE, D.D.S., M.D., Editor of "Oral Hygiene"

The roof of the mouth is called the palate. There are two parts to it, the hard bony part surrounded by teeth, which is naturally called the hard palate, and the soft part that is so sensitive, at the back of the mouth, called the soft palate.

Some unfortunate children are born with a separation of the palate lengthwise. In these cases the nose and mouth open into each other.

It is very difficult to feed cleft palate children and if they do grow up, they have a lifetime of suffering and embarrassment. They cannot speak distinctly and have great difficulty with the fluids of the mouth and nose. Usually through the border of the upper lip.

Two methods are used to give relief to these children. One is to perform an operation, or rather a series of operations, to close the roof of the mouth and the opening in the lip.

The other way is to make a plate that will mechanically cover the opening in the palate.

The nature of the deformity makes the wearing of this plate very unpleasant for the patient.

When a child is born with a hare-lip and cleft palate, the first thing to do is to get a cleft palate nursing nipple, because these children are so very hard to feed. Then have the palate closed as early as possible. If these children are successfully operated on before they learn to talk, the voice will be normal. If the cleft is left until the child becomes accustomed to the faulty use of the tongue that is necessary with the open palate, his speech will never be perfect.

Asthma is Torture. No one who has gasped for breath in the power of asthma knows what such suffering is. Many do not know, however, from experience how immeasurable is the relief provided by that preparation, Dr. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy. For years it has been relieving the most severe cases. If you are a sufferer do not delay a day in securing this remedy from your druggist.

Leads West in Honey Production Manitoba's honey production for 1921 amounted to 963,000 pounds, derived from 14,721 colonies of bees. This province now leads all others in Western Canada in the production of honey, followed by British Columbia with 309,072 pounds.

Killed By Blood Poison

Used an old razor for paring his corns. Foolish because 25c buys a bottle of Putnam's Corn Extract which for fifty years has been removing corns without pain. No failure if you use "Putnam's." Refuse a substitute, 25c everywhere.

Training Canadians To Speak

Value of Teaching the Youth How to Speak in Public

One of the most important projects undertaken in connection with public schools, high schools, universities and by professional instructors, is that of teaching the young Canadians how to speak in public.

Ideas and thoughts only have value in direct proportion to the extent to which they are spread.

The crusades would never have materialized had Peter the Hermit not inspired the Christian world with his fiery eloquence. Without his ability to talk, the capture of the Holy Land would have remained as a magnificent dream in Peter's brain.

People go to church and hear a sermon. If the minister is a trained speaker, his ideas are twice as effective as the ideas of the preacher with a halting tongue.

Upon the clarity of a school teacher's delivery depends the thoroughness with which pupils receive and digest new ideas.

Business men meet together to discuss business problems and new sales methods. The merchant who can clearly put his thoughts and discoveries before his colleagues, elevates business as a whole.

Organs of speech were given man to use. It is man's duty to bring them to as great a state of efficiency as his muscles, his brain or any other part of his body—Vancouver Sun.

The War Horses

"General Braddock" wrote the small boy, "was killed in the late war. He had three horses shot under him, while the fourth went through his clothes."

Tunnel beneath the English Channel will be 21 miles long under the sea.

A theatre ticket stamper of Munich is said to have invented the lithograph process in 1790.

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To Extend Railway

Line North From Cochrane Will Open

The Ontario Government is calling for tenders to extend the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway from Cochrane 70 miles toward James Bay. The cost is expected to be under \$5,000,000. This railway will open up one of the finest agricultural areas in the north country. Two great timber areas and almost unlimited water power. It is estimated that at the Tin Can Portage, where the proposed extension will end, are water powers running to waste which would produce 200,000 horsepower.

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After Grip Colds, Fevers or a Run-down Condition, Take This Advice

Pleasanton, N. S.—"Four years ago I was a very sick woman. The doctor said it was pneumonia. It kept me in bed for five weeks and left me so weak that I could hardly get about. A dear friend advised me to try Dr. Pierce's remedies and I did so. After taking a bottle of the Golden Medical Discovery and one of the Favorite Remedies I found I was getting so much stronger that I continued using them, together with Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, until I fully recovered my strength."

—Mrs. Agnes Brunell.

W. N. U. 1402

Western Grain Shipments From Pacific Port Reaching Unlooked For Dimensions

After years of controversy, with on the one hand ingrained conviction that Canadian grain would never leave from the Pacific coast, and on the other a sanguine assurance that ultimately this would come to pass, Vancouver is coming into its own as a port of outlet for part of the crop of the prairie provinces. Though the first shipment was made only last year, developments since that time, and the volume of grain in prospect for export from the Pacific, leave no doubt as to the future status of Vancouver as a grain shipping port for the product of the prairies.

The movement of the first big shipment of Canadian wheat to Europe by way of the Pacific was watched with considerable interest, and attention from many quarters was directed to its reception at the English port. There was general apprehension that the grain would suffer passing through the tropical region of the Panama zone, but, when unloaded in England, grain experts stated that grain had never been received there in better condition. Pacific coast exporters breathed easily and saw a wonderful future opened up for the Pacific coast in sharing with the east the business of carrying the grain product of the west to Europe. Other shipments followed immediately upon the first, and by the end of the season sixteen thousand tons of grain, mostly wheat, had left Vancouver for Europe via the Panama Canal.

This year shipments from the Pacific coast to Europe began just as soon as the movement of the threshed crops from the prairies got under way and the export business has been busy since that time. Grain dealers at the coast estimate that during the present season, approximately ten times as much grain will pass through Vancouver for Europe as last season. This will amount, according to estimate, to at least 160,000 tons. There will be, it is considered, about forty cargoes.

Another departure in the export of grain this year has been the shipment of sacked wheat from Vancouver to Japan. Hitherto Japan has been contented with the softer grains of the United States, but that the Canadian product is now held in high favor is evidenced in the fact that the November consignments to the Orient from the Pacific coast port totalling seven thousand tons.

The success of initial export shipments of Canadian grain from Vancouver to all parts of the world leaves no shadow of doubt as to the great future of this port, lying so convenient to the western granaries, as an outlet for a portion of their annual crop, and the success of shipment through the Panama Canal to Europe is fraught with significance to the Dominion grain export movement. Every year a certain amount of congestion occurs with the enormous product of the prairie provinces flooding the terminal elevators and export shipping points at the same time. The heavy increases in annual production which will probably continue in greater proportion in the future, will tax the eastern ports of outlet to a yet greater extent and the success of Vancouver shipments will considerably augment the importance of the British Columbia port.

Increase in Wheat

Shipped Down Lakes

Movement of All Grains Greater Than in 1920

Movement of freight through the Canadian and United States locks at Sault Ste. Marie in the 1921 navigation season that closed December 24, aggregated 48,259,254 short tons, it was announced by the United States engineer's office. The figures compare with 79,232,496 short tons in 1920.

Movement of wheat down the lakes was 191,715,010 bushels, an increase of 54,258,523 bushels as compared with last year's. Grain other than wheat aggregated 95,691,264 bushels exceeding that of 1920 by 44,964,061 bushels.

Girl to Cross Niagara on Tight Rope
Blondie's famous feat of walking across Niagara Falls on a tight rope, is to be attempted by an English girl, next June. This girl, seventeen years old, calling herself Miss Blonnie, is giving a tight rope performance at the Crystal Palace circus, London. Her father says the rope over the great falls will be slanting, and that the girl will cross the falls and come back.

The sea cucumber is an animal, not a plant, and is eaten by inhabitants of Eastern Asia.

In Iceland, codfish are dried and ground into a flour for use in bread.

N. N. U. 1402

Holland's Unique Industry

Country Has Market for Seaweed Harvested Every Year

That every year there is a harvest of seaweed is a fact which is not generally known.

This industry is carried on in Holland. The seaweed is mown with scythes, when the tops almost reach the surface of the water. The harvesters, clothed in watertight garments reaching to the shoulders, work when the tide is low.

When this industry began, only one scythe was used at a time, but now several are fixed to a line which the workers draw to and fro in a saw-like manner above the base of the weed.

After the weed has been cut it is spread out in order that it may be withered by the sun. When it is become black it is soaked in water. The fresher the water the blacker the seaweed turns, and the blacker the weed, the higher becomes its value.

After being soaked for a few days the product is spread out in the fields to dry, and when thoroughly crisp it is made up into bales weighing about one hundred pounds each. It is then ready for the market.

Seaweed has lately been found to produce gelatine of a very high quality.

A Treasured Tree

Has Borne Oranges Continuously For Eight Years

An orange tree that has borne fruit continuously for eight years is the treasured possession of some horticulturists in Florida.

The tree, which is guarded day and night, shows no signs of ceasing in its phenomenal production of fruit.

At first it was thought to be an isolated freak of Nature, but it is now the opinion of experts that it represents a new species, and experiments are being carried out with a view to establishing large groves of such trees.

Livestock in Saskatchewan

Value Placed by Provincial Government at Over Two Million

The value of livestock in Saskatchewan is placed by the Provincial Government at over \$225,000,000 and the total number of animals is given as 2,755,180. This includes 948,230 horses and mules; 1,224,062 cattle; 160,918 sheep and 321,000 swine. Incidentally, the government claims that this province is now, and has been for some time, the leading horse breeding province in the Dominion. There has been a decrease in the cattle and swine figures, but the government points to the great field for sheep on the prairies.

Magnificent Donation

By Indian Prince

Sends \$2,000 to Fund for Princess Mary's Wedding Gift

A magnificent donation to a fund which one of the London Journals is raising for a wedding gift to Princess Mary has been cable from India by the Maharajah's Gaskwar of Baroda. The Maharajah's or is it the Gaskwar's gift is the sum of \$2,000. His Highness is one of the most loyal, and is also the richest, of India's ruling princes, and he made magnificent gifts to help the fund during the war. The particular wedding gift to which he has contributed is to be devoted to the benefit of two children's hospitals in which the Princess takes a keen interest.

According to Scripture

"Daddy, dear, cook's going to leave," said the minister's daughter. "and I simply can't think how we'll ever get another."

"Dear, dear! That seems a pity. Couldn't you—er—well?"

"Oh, it's no use. She's not honest, so I've told her to go."

The minister brooded over his succulent outfit.

"Scripture asserts, my dear," said he "that if a man takes away thy coat, let him have the cloak also."

"Exactly!" replied the clergyman's daughter. "I found her stealing potatoes, so I've given her the sack."

Motor Fatalities High

Nine thousand one hundred and three persons were killed in the United States by automobiles and other motor vehicles, except motor-cycles, during 1920, the Census Bureau announced. This represents a death rate of 10.4 per 100,000 in population, which is 1 per cent. higher than the motor vehicle fatality rate in 1919.

It's almost as easy to worry as it is to tell others not to.

WESTERN EDITORS



Russell Hogg, Publisher of the News, Oak Lake, Man.

Big Shipment of Silver Foxes

Valuable Animals Shipped From Prince Edward Island to States

One of the largest shipments of pedigreed silver black foxes to leave Prince Edward Island was shipped recently, and consisted of three hundred animals destined for the United States including points in the State of New York, Colorado, Wisconsin and Washington. These valuable animals were shipped by express, occupying two express cars and were accompanied by a qualified caretaker carrying pedigree certificates, veterinary health certificates, consular invoices and exportation permits. The demand for high grade Prince Edward Island silver foxes for breeding purposes is increasing rapidly from year to year.

Change Name of Waterloo

Belgians Decide Historic Place Shall Be Known as Lononin

Possibly as a concession to French susceptibilities, the Belgians have decided to alter the name of Waterloo. Henceforth the hamlet which gave its name to the immortal battle will be known as Lononin. Visitors to the battlefields will have more need than ever of guides to show them where British Guards formed the famous squares which Napoleon's cuirassiers hurled themselves in vain. The mill of St. Helene will become "Halen," while other well-known spots will also be renamed.

To Train Leaders

Manitoba University Students Will Hear Lectures On Community Service

One hundred students have already registered for the course of leadership to be held in the University of Manitoba from May 27th to February 2nd, under the joint auspices of the United Farmers of Manitoba, the Manitoba Agricultural College and the Manitoba University. The purpose is to train leaders for community service. A wide and varied course of lectures has been arranged, which will be delivered by specialists during the session.

Pity the Poor Muskrat

Poor little muskrat! It is as game as the beaver and as pretty as a squirrel, but humanity is its fate. Caught and skinned, its carcass is served as rabbit or Belgian hare, though its meat is sweeter than either of these, and its hide is made up and sold as Hudson seal. Dead, skinned, but humanity is its fate there is none to exalt its service to mankind.—Toledo Blade.

Great Gulf Stream

Starts in Tropics, Changes Climate and Ends in Ice Flows

A river 3,000 times as large as the Hudson! It is the Gulf Stream. This great stream starts in a tropic gulf, flows 10,000 miles, changes the climate and topography of many countries and ends in the ice flows of an Arctic sea, says the Mentor Magazine.

The drift of strange woods and seeds on its surface caused Lief Erikson, the Norseman, to seek land to the west, and discover America. But it was not recognized as a great current until years after Columbus' time, when a Spanish admiral, astounded by his rapid progress from America, reported to the king of Spain that he had travelled a great ocean highway. Benjamin Franklin, when Postmaster of the United States, made the first definite chart of it. Ships from England sailing against it took longer to reach America than ships taking a more northerly course, and he wanted to know why.

Cape Hatteras is the stormiest point in the world because of the Gulf Stream. Here the warm water of the tropic current is deflected into the Atlantic and it becomes a river hundreds of miles wide.

The British Isles and the Scandinavian countries are habitable because of it; the agricultural district of Western and Central Europe has the volume and energy of the Gulf Stream and none affects so large a portion of the earth's surface.

World Has Not Seen Last War

Premier Massey of New Zealand Warns Empire Against Absolute Unpreparedness

Premier Massey, of New Zealand, in his New Year's message, in emphasizing the importance of peace for assisting the process of reconstruction, declares that results of the "greatest importance from the Washington conference are probable, and that if an amicable quadruple arrangement can be maintained it will be the best guarantee of the peace of the world ever known, says a despatch to the London Times from Wellington.

"No nations have more to gain by peace than the young British nations of the Pacific," the Premier's message continues, "but whatever agreement is reached between the present great powers, none of our representatives think the world has seen the last war."

He warns against the empire lapsing into absolute unpreparedness.

Clean Seed For Grain

Practice Is First Step Toward a Successful Crop

There is no single farm operation so easily and cheaply done, which gives larger returns, than the thorough cleaning and grading of all seed sown. Besides cleaning out the weed seeds, the light weight seeds are taken out when the job is properly done, thus preventing the reproduction of the poorer plants. This practice carried on year after year permits the increase of the best and kills out the poorest. Thorough cleaning and grading of all seeds planted is the first step toward a successful crop. There is no time when the present to put the seed in proper shape for planting.

Sermon to Her Doll

Four-year-old to her favorite doll, the loss of whose arm exposes the saddest sight.

"Oh, you dear, good, obedient doll! I know I told you to sew your food fine, but I had no idea you would chew it as fine as that!"—London Post.

Some Results Of The Search For Oil In The Mackenzie River District

South African Goods For Germany

Market Opened Up As Result of Trade Negotiations

As a result of the visit of the South African officials, Messrs. Menzies and Canham to Germany, it is expected that substantial markets will be opened up for South African products, especially in mohair and feathers. It is understood that there will be no difficulty in disposing of the whole South African wool clip by the ordinary trade channels.

A considerable proportion is finding its way to Germany where the demand is active.

With a view to facilitating the importation of feathers, Germany has removed the ban thereon subject to production of an importation license by the recognized manufacturers and dealers in feathers.

Following on conversations with Messrs. Menzies and Canham in Berlin, the Berlin wheat board is getting into direct communication with the farmers and co-operative associations of South Africa. It is anticipated that a considerable market for cereals will arise therefrom. Dabof, an other South African official is remaining in Germany to assist in developing the connection.

Green Feed Makes Eggs

Sprouted Oats Should Be Included In Rations For Hens

"Heretofore I have never been able to make any hens shell out the eggs during the fall and winter months," says G. V. Meyers, of Gardendale, Ind. "This season they are more than paying for board and lodgings. Green feed is the secret that produced the desired result and of all the green feeds I have tried, sprouted oats have proved the best."

"Of course, it requires grain and mash feeds to furnish materials for the hens to make the eggs from; but, without succulent green feed, I found, such feeding was practically wasted as regards egg production and, the fowls could not do their best. So, if anybody wants to have a good egg yield during the cold months, I would advise them not to omit sprouted oats from the rations. My birds are enjoying better health also as sickness is practically unknown. Sprouted oats furnish a very cheap feed and they contain ingredients very helpful to the hens in the production of eggs."

The Tomb Of Lord Roberts

Inscription Completed and Unveiled Without Ceremony

The inscription above the tomb of Lord Roberts in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral was completed at the end of last week, and was unveiled without ceremony. The design consists of a cross of dark marble set in the wall, with the word "Roberts" cut into its base in letters of gold. Over the grave the British and Indian flags will be draped. A memorial tablet of Lord Roberts is also being prepared, and will be placed on the north side of the Cathedral nearly opposite the Wellington monument.

It has been found that a plant, if drugged with chloroform and made dormant, will, after it has recovered, begin to grow with normal speed.

A wine made of tomatoes and said to be superior to orange wine, was once popular in Florida.

The open season of 1921 in the

Mackenzie River oil fields has come and gone," writes Mr. F. H. Kille, exploratory engineer of the Natural Resources Intelligence Branch of the Department of the Interior, who has spent the past two seasons in the Mackenzie district. With the cessation of activities that were pushed with feverish haste during the short summer months of continuous daylight, comes an opportunity to review the progress and development that has been accomplished, and to weigh the situation in the light of additional knowledge gained.

Oh the whole, in general terms, an atmosphere of disappointment is evident. To the casual observer the field has proved below par and therefore a failure. Such snap verdicts are to be expected—in fact they cannot be avoided. The tendency to over-estimate and "boom" that was so rampant last winter and spring could not fail to produce reactions. Whether or not the field will ultimately prove fruitful, the facts that its location is far distant from markets and that systems of transportation will be difficult and expensive to establish, prohibit an immediate return from any capital investment.

The usual army of cheap adventurers that gather on such occasions has been eliminated, and only the seasoned veterans or recruits with sufficient stamina and financial backing remain. The action of the Canadian Government in its framing new regulations that will insure the development, and not the "wildcatting" of this resource and in authorizing the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to refuse right of entry to parties without material means of combating the severe elements and living conditions of the district, or of others of questionable intentions, though raising a storm of protest at the time, is proving effective.

It now becomes evident to the thinking man that the returns from this source, if any, will be slow in appearing and that the work of prospecting and developing will not be spectacular. There is, however, no reason to feel disappointed. There is no more excuse for a reaction now than there was for a boom last spring. The fact is, there never was any justification for jumping at conclusions of enormous returns. At the same time, a beginning has been made and serious prospecting is hardly yet in full swing. The field has by no means been tested, and those in a position to hazard a sane forecast are exceedingly optimistic.

The summer has resulted in emphasizing two features of the magnitude of the task of developing the oil resources, as already referred to, and the great possibilities, more within the reach of the man of limited capital, of discovering valuable deposits of placer gold, goldbearing quartz and silver, lead, zinc, copper and iron ores. A large number of prospectors, attracted to the district by the publicity resulting from the discovery of oil, and finding themselves unable to participate in its development, have spread to the north, east and west in search of minerals offering quicker returns. Although several of these discoveries have been reported and it is just possible that directly or indirectly the oil stampede may result in the opening up of one of the greatest mining areas of the north. Among these prospectors are found some of the most experienced men of the Klondike and other famous fields.

Champion Stallion Dead

"Paramount Flashwood" Considered Best Belgian Horse on American Continent

The death of the famous stallion, "Paramount Flashwood," owned by George Rupp, of Exumman, Sask., is a loss that will be regretted by horsemen throughout the province and Canada generally. He was a five-year-old, and as a three-year-old, he won the grand championship for the Belgian breed at Waterloo Fair, Iowa, in 1919. He was looked upon as the best Belgian horse on the American continent. He was sired by the unbeaten champion "Marceau," who was sold at auction for \$47,500. When a three-year-old, \$31,500 was offered for "Flashwood," but his owner would not part with him.

Company Will Open Mine

It is reported that the White Lake Collieries, Limited, which company owns 330 acres of coal lands between Pentticon and the town of Oliver, B.C., are to open a mine and start diamond drilling in the near future. The company has retained the services of a well-known mining engineer to supervise the opening of the mine.

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Railway News in Brief

Captain W. J. Boyce, one of the most popular shipmasters in the Coast service of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and now master of the steamer *Charmor*, has been elected to the presidency of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild and the British Columbia branch of the Canadian Navigators' Federation.

Report from Victoria says: Tenders will be called by the Canadian Pacific Railway for the repair of the steel car-barge No. 8, recently salvaged after being ashore at Lofley Pass, immediately following the completion of the survey to ascertain the full extent of the damage.

Col. Moore, who is manager-in-chief of the big winter carnival at Banff, to be held from January 23 to February 4, is making elaborate preparations to put the sportfest over in grand style.

He hopes to secure permission from the Dominion Government for the donation of a real buffalo head for competition among ladies hockey teams of Canada and the United States. In addition the winners will receive a silver trophy and individual medals. The Amazons of Vancouver, Seattle, "Bells," Calgary Regents, and Calgary Patriotes will be among the competing teams. All the leading ski jumpers of the world who will compete at the Calgary carnival, January 16-21, will also perform at Banff.

Honre LaRose, whose record of 40 years' service as conductor on the Canadian Pacific Railway, has probably never been eclipsed in the history of the Company, has passed away in Vancouver. He was superannuated five years ago.

Mr. LaRose was a bachelor and had no near relatives. He was born in Quebec and commenced his railroad career as a messenger boy while still in his teens.

Winnipeg. — Twelve entries already have been received for the dog race to be run in connection with the Winnipeg Winter Carnival, the carnival committee announced today. The race will be from Dauphin to Winnipeg, a distance of 224 miles. W. Hunt, of the Northern Electric Company, is chairman of the dog team races. As a preliminary to the Winnipeg Winter Carnival, a reception and midnight frolic will be held in the Royal Alexandra Hotel, on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, January 17, the carnival committee has announced. The carnival itself will open two weeks later. The entire ground and first floors of the hotel will be given over to the reception and frolic, and the whole affair will revolve about the 24 candidate for Carnival Queen.

Excavation work in connection with the twenty-story tower to be added to the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, has been commenced. This foundation will be situated on the ground heretofore occupied by the old kitchen on Des Carriers Street, which is being removed to make room for the building of the tower. Dynamite had to be used at times to loosen the solid structural work which had the effect of twisting the steel girders into various shapes which now can be seen in the courtyard of the hotel, with piles of debris that are being carried away to a dump as quickly as possible. Mr. Mitchell, the energetic superintendent for the contractors, expects to have the other third removed within the next ten days when the excavation work for the foundation will be rushed. In the meantime the Dominion Bridge Company, contractors for the steel and its erection, are shipping the material to Quebec daily, and it is expected that the frame work will be well on the way to completion by the beginning of next summer, though it will take more than another two years to complete the eastern extension and improvements which, when completed, will put the Chateau in an exceptional position by its architecture and unique situation in comparison with all other hotels on the American Continent.

During the present season the Canadian Pacific has hauled 2,048 cars of grain, containing 4,255,903 bushels, which have been unloaded to the elevators at West St. John, as compared with 2,063 cars, with 3,473,345 bushels during the corresponding season. The elevators at West St. John contain a million and a half bushels of grain. There has been a general falling off of import freight during the last few days, but the totals are considerably ahead of the same period twelve months ago.

Quebec. — Reports have been received of the discovery of a mine near Onslow Corners, Que., by Mr. J. J. Turner which it is claimed the ore assays gold and silver, and it is understood he has refused \$100,000 for it.

The building of the new C. P. R. station at Carleton Place is going ahead rapidly. The slate roofing being almost complete, and it will not be long before it is ready for use. The new platform in front of the station is seventy-five per cent. completed, and the pouring of concrete for floors has been commenced in the waiting room. Improvements have been made by the erection of a long island platform, and when the building is opened Carleton Place will be able to boast of a station, not only comfortable, but suitable to the requirements of the town.

Florence---Birthplace of Artists



Seen from the top of the Viale dei Colli that curves gently yet with a magnificent sweep up to the Piazzale Michelangelo, among flowering bushes and pleasant gardens, and from the various hills of S. Miniato, Florence stretches out like a woman in her beauty, between the two banks of the Arno.

It is not astonishing that this fair land should have been the mother of genius, grace, and power. As we breathe the air of Florence and inhale the joyousness of its landscape, and listen to the vibrations, pictures, and speech of the inhabitants, we feel that Florence and the whole of Tuscany is indeed the birthplace of poets and artists; that here art and poetry are spontaneous things, of the same nature as the water that springs from a source or the flowers that grow on the banks of a stream.

How could the Florence of to-day banish the memory of Dante? The greatest of all Italians, exiled by the wickedness of his contemporaries. And their descendants, as if to make amends for the ingratitude meted out to him, have carved his verse in marble on their street corners.

The house where Galileo Galilei lived and thought cannot be visited without emotion, especially the Villa at Arcetri, where the great scientist spent his last days in blindness and ill health, whence we can also enjoy a panorama of exquisite beauty and peacefulness; and the house of Buonarroti where a nephew of the divine Michelangelo has gathered to gather a precious collection of his great ancestor's works.

Florence has not yet reached the status of a great city; on the contrary it has remained a somewhat provincial town, but tram-cars now run all through its streets and give it animation without spoiling in the least the charm of the ancient buildings, of the marvelous loggie, of the churches and palaces built by the generosity of the Medici to the greater glory of the "city of the lily." Industry has not yet invaded Florence as is the case in the northern towns of Italy, although the production of art works is still an important factor, while the art of manufacturing silk and wool was a source of great prosperity in the time of the Medici. Florence, the mother of Art, gave birth and hospitality to innumerable Italian and foreign artists: Cimabue, Giotto, Masaccio, Botticelli, Leonardo, Michelangelo, Andrea del Sarto, amongst painters; Lavagna Donatello, the two Della Robbia, Michelangelo, Benvenuto Cellini and Sansovino amongst the sculptors; Arnolfo di Cambio, the first architect of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto Orcagna, the great Brunelleschi, who built the beautiful cupola of the cathedral; Leon Battista Alberti and Sangallo amongst the architects.

The churches and palaces of Florence, its streets and squares, museums and galleries, make up a collection of art treasures without rival even among the famous collections of the world.

As we visit the Palazzo Vecchio, the Rooms of the 12th and 15th century, the apartments of Leo X, the Prior's Chapel, and the abode of a thousand other treasures such as the Galleria degli Uffizi, Palazzo Pitti, the Accademia, the Old and Modern Galleries, the National Museum, Bargello and the other Florentine

(1) Florence, Italy, showing the Bridges over the River Arno, (2) A water fountain in front of the opera house.

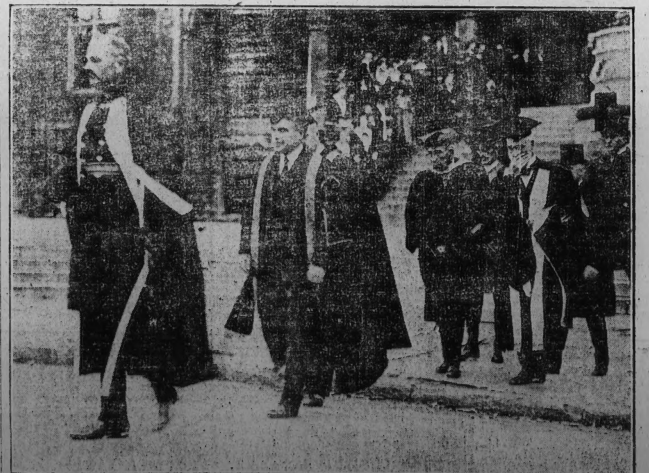
collections, our minds are literally saturated with beauty.

But no one can have a complete idea of Florence without making an excursion beyond the outskirts of the town, where the surroundings possess great beauty of landscape and a charm which is not easily found elsewhere. A day at Fiesole, where the ruins of the Roman theatre are still in existence, is a joy not soon forgotten. Then, climbing up to Bellosguardo, we can enjoy a perfect panorama. Further on we find Signa with its terra cotta factory and Ovea where the well-known Ginoi china is made. Nor should Settignano, cradle of the sculptor of the great Mino, be forgotten. nor Vinigilata, or Vallombrosa, the site of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, and those of the later Renaissance and "baroque" period, with their fantastically decorated facades and geraniums in perpetual bloom; at their windows, constituting the most fascinating feature of Florence. Everything has been rebuilt on antique lines; the foundations have been searched of buildings that were no more, so that they might be accurately restored facing the Pretorian Palace, situated in the Friggitore Tower, and used

as a prison and place of execution in the thirteenth century, the houses that belonged to the Alighieri have been exhumed. Patient research work, spreading over periods of years, has rediscovered the foundations, the main walls and some stone coats-of-arms belonging to the Alighieri and other noble families of Florentine merchant princes, among others the Adimari and Donati. The houses which existed when the great poet was born have been brought to life again in all the splendor of their architecture and decoration, and have been surrounded by a magnificent railing of beaten iron. The red robe of the first great Italian citizen can almost be heard rustling within those rooms as one looks through its stained-glass windows.

The Medici Palace, the residence of the Medici at the height of their power, bears witness to their blood-stained oppression and stolen plunder, which the poetic gifts and gentle nature of one of their race, Laurence the Magnificent, have not been sufficient to obliterate.

And the Pazzi Palace, the stronghold of the implacable enemies of the Medici, an imposing, square mass, also stands as a warning against injustice and tyranny.



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NOTICE is further given that all parties indebted to the partnership are hereby required forthwith to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the said George L. Morrow.

Dated at Irma, Alberta, this 24th day of January, 1922.

Signed, W. Ketchin,
G. L. Morrow.

Witness: Will Dawson. 3t

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STRAYED—from N. W. 12-46-9, one red yearling steer branded PB (reversed B with bar above) on left shoulder.—A. A. Fischer, Irma. 39-41p

STRAYED—to Sec. 2-46-8, one dark red Steer about one year old. Horns, no visible brand.—The Jamieson Construction Co. Ltd., Phone R. 304 Irma, or 842 Tegler Building, Edmonton, Phone 2785. 39-41c

FRESH MILCH COWS—Have several good fresh milch cows to trade for young steers.—The Jamieson Construction Co. Ltd., Phone R. 304 Irma, or 842 Tegler Building, Edmonton, Phone 2785. 39-41c

REWARD—\$5.00 for information leading to recovery of Hereford heifer, yearling last spring, dehorned and branded 29 with half circle underneath on left rib.—The Jamieson Construction Co. Ltd., Phone R. 304 Irma, or 842 Tegler Building, Edmonton, Phone 2785. 39-41c

IMPOUNDED
Impounded in the municipal pound kept by John Watson, on S. E. 22-46-9 W4th, on Jan. 7th: One Iron Gray Mare, weight 1,100 to 1,200 lb. Left front and the two hind feet white. Branded "lazy D" on top of A. br of A indistinct on left shoulder.

ESTRAYED—to Section 5-46-8, 1 red and white Shorthorn heifer, either large yearling or small two-year old. Dehorned, no visible brand. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses.—G.S. Sisson. 42-5p

FOR SALE—pure bred white Wyandotte cockerels, early S. and R. comb. First class laying strain from imported stock. \$15.00 each for quick sale.—Mallinson, Irma. 42-6p

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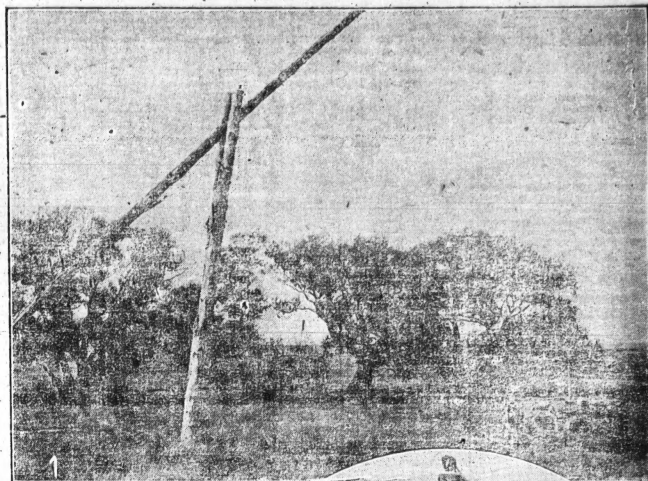
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No. 1 split fence posts for sale 12 and one half cents. Delivery at railway points from Irma west.—Apply, W. D. Nichol, Dunster, B. C. 43-5p

MR. WOOD AND THE PRESS

Many expressions of strong disapproval have been expressed regarding Mr. Wood's denunciation of the press, during the recent U. F. A. convention. Probably there have been few men during the last two years who have been subjected to more unjust criticism by the press than Mr. Wood, and one can readily understand his state of mind, especially in view of the fact that during the whole of this tirade of "gutter" attacks, he has taken it all so good naturedly. It is all the more noticeable and to his credit that Mr. Wood has been so commendably silent in reply. But, allowing for all the provocation, Mr. Wood was signally unfair in such a sweeping condemnation in view of the facts. It is now a matter of history that William Irvine, on the evening of the election, declared from the rotunda of The Calgary Albertan, that he could not have won in East Calgary but for the support of The Albertan. The same paper has made a remarkable contribution to the Progressive movement in both the federal, provincial and civic elections, and was entitled to exemption in Mr. Wood's attack. But that is not all. The Saskatoon Star, the Winnipeg Free Press and the Ottawa Citizen supported the Progressive movement during the recent federal campaign. This was also true of many country weeklies in the Prairie provinces, as well as in Ontario, to say nothing of the very general—almost unanimous—support of the large number of labor papers published in Canada. Mr. Wood's case against the capitalist "gutter" press was strong enough, without roping into his drag net the innocent along with the guilty.—Calgary Albertan.

MAKING HISTORY AT GRAND PRÉ



At Grand Pré, Nova Scotia, the other day, three hundred members of the Acadian National Congress assembled, and kneeling reverently at the statue of Evangeline, the heroine of Longfellow's immortal poem, accepted on behalf of the Acadian race a gift of two acres of the Evangeline Memorial Park from the Dominion Atlantic Railway.

These are in all about fourteen acres in Evangeline Park, and the two acres were presented to the Acadian race on the condition that they would build a church there.

George E. Graham, general manager of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, expressed his pleasure at welcoming the delegates. With regard to the proposed church, the D. A. R. would still further beautify the grounds and would give it perfect setting. The company would open the old post road that had been closed for fifty or sixty years. He asked them to cast their minds forward the next five years when this chapel would be erected, a beautiful sanctuary in the midst of a beautiful country.

Mr. P. J. Venoit, minister of highways for New Brunswick, subscribed \$100 for the erection of the new church and George E. Graham \$100 and the Rev. Father Cormier addressed the people, saying that the church would be erected on the site of the old church of St. Charles. It would be a facsimile of the church of their ancestors.



(1) Evangeline well and the willows, Grand Pré, N. S.
(2) Around the statue of Evangeline at Grand Pré.

Hon. D. V. Landry, Moncton, president of the Acadian Congress, formally took possession of the plot and returned thanks to the Dominion Atlantic Railway for the gift.

Men and women knelt reverently on the ground, the tears streaming down their faces, murmuring blessings on the day that had restored to them the land of their ancestors. They plucked flowers and leaves and deposit their fingers into the water, all of which were more sacred in their eyes than words could tell.

The pilgrimage to Grand Pré took upon itself all the characteristics of a pilgrimage to Holy Land. In the past, said Mr. Landry, the Acadians had been reproached as an inferior people. That reproach was now eliminated. The ambition of the Acadians now was to unite in work that would make not only for the returning of progress but for the advancement of all Canada. These sentiments were the sentiments of the whole race.

The Pleasant Game of Golf



Upper picture shows the Golf Club house at St. Andrew's by the Sea.
Lower picture—On the Golf Links at St. Andrew's by the Sea. There are innumerable picturesque scenes like this.

Golf is now universally recognized as an ideal game for men who lead sedentary lives. It encourages walking, the most health-giving of all exercises; it provides a fascinating recreation, it employs muscles that would otherwise be rarely exercised, and it is played under conditions that conduce to the highest possible enjoyment. The extraordinary hold this old Scottish pastime has taken on this continent is phenomenal, and it has happened within the present century. Only half a century ago it was mostly confined to Scotland, and it had been played for centuries. Then the unexpected happened—first being derived as an amusement for elderly people, it suddenly jumped into a commanding place as its recreation and possibility, it became better and more widely known and appreciated. Today links are numbered by the thousands and its devotees find in golf a source of interest and enthusiasm.

Golf is enjoyable anywhere, but there is an added charm to the enjoyment when the game is played at St. Andrew's by the Sea, New Brunswick. The golf links are beautifully situated overlooking the sea, and partly enveloped by woods of tall pine trees. But from any part of the links the sea is always in view. There are two courses, one of 9 holes and one of 18 holes. Both are fit for the play of the greatest exponents of the game, and they are kept in the best possible condition. The links are adjacent to the magnificent Algonquin Hotel. A sufficient recommendation for links and hotel is to say that both are owned and conducted by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The St. Andrew's course was selected this year for the Annual Tournament of the Canadian Senior Golf Association, and including an international match between the United States Seniors and the Canadian Seniors for the Duke of Devonshire Trophy.

In addition to golf there are excellent facilities for bathing, fishing, tennis and motoring at St. Andrew's. There are many beautiful summer homes also there. Several of the most noted people in Canada spend vacations in this spot.

The summer population of St. Andrew's is happily free from the boresome element so common at seaside resorts near large and populous cities. It is not, however, a purely aristocratic gathering, though society is well represented. Shining lights in all professions are there, though it is not exclusively an intellectual throng. It is a selection of people who have found in St. Andrew's the spot where the highest degree of daily pleasure may be had with the least effort.

SLOAN'S RELIEVES NEURALGIC ACHES

FOR forty years Sloan's Liniment has been the quickest relief for neuralgia, sciatica and rheumatism, tired muscles, lame backs, sprains and strains, aches and pains.

Keep Sloan's handy and apply freely, without rubbing, at the first twinge. It eases and brings relief surely and readily. You'll find it clean and non-skin-staining.

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World Happenings Briefly Told

The wedding of Princess Mary to Viscount Lascelles has been set for February 28, according to the London Daily Mail.

A bottle containing data that had been drifting six years since cast overboard in Japan, was found near Portland, Ore.

A Birmingham, Ala., real estate company gives to every purchaser of a lot 20,000 feet of lumber with which to start a home.

Building permits in Moose Jaw for 1921 were \$500,177, as against \$1,533,095. The 1920 permits included one million for the C.P.R. station and office building.

An automobile that had upon its hood the figure of a diving girl, led to the arrest in Hull, Quebec, of Jos. Senecal and George Baker in connection with the death of Joseph Paquette, of Montebello.

Unless 100 border amateur radio operators apply for Dominion licenses, the Windsor, Ont., patrol of the Canadian Mounted Police has received orders to dismantle all their wireless equipment.

A Belgian passenger on the steamer Zealand, who had been deported from New York, jumped overboard at sea and was drowned, the steamer's officers reported on her arrival at Plymouth, Eng.

A bomb was exploded among the crowd listening to a band in the market place of Dinkelsbühl, Bavaria, on New Year's Eve, injuring 50 persons, 20 of them seriously. The thrower of the bomb, a young man, and several other persons, were arrested.

The wedding of Charles Phillips, London, had progressed to the point where the registrar asked the bridegroom's full name. Then it was learned Phillips had delegated his brother to take his place, while he went to France on important business. The wedding was postponed.

The New Year's toll of casualties from poisonous liquor amounted to four dead and six dangerously ill in New York hospitals, with uncounted scores of cases of acute alcoholism and accidents attributed to holiday liquor. One case of alcoholic paralysis was reported.

The Austrian Government has permitted the fact to become known that the Vickers Armstrong Company, a British concern, has made an offer to purchase the great Woellersdorf Arsenal, which it is proposed to convert into a plant for the manufacture of locomotives on orders received from the Balkan States.

Profitable Mining

Cobalt District Produced \$200,000,000 Worth of Silver in 1921

According to statistics gathered and estimates being prepared for 1921 it is evident that the value of silver produced up to the end of 1921 from Cobalt and the surrounding district, will reach an aggregate of close to \$200,000,000. Total dividends from the silver mines will exceed \$93,000,000, and with the treasures containing sulphur, which, combined with disbursements actually made, show a net profit of over 50 per cent. of the gross yield. This is an achievement without parallel in the history of any other metal mining area.

For Hiccups and Heartburn Here Is a Good Prescription

Nothing brings such satisfactory relief as slowly sipping a few drops of "Nerviline" in sweetened water. Nerviline relieves those conditions that cause the hiccups, just as it does sour risings, gas, belching and fermentation in the stomach. For acute stomach pain, bloating, nausea and similar ills, rely on trusty old Nerviline—the true friend of every family. Sold by all Dealers, 35c per bottle.

Growing Tobacco in Manitoba
Tobacco growing is the latest phase of agriculture introduced into Northern Manitoba. Messrs. Jacob and Gustin, two Belgians, who experimented with it this year, produced a tobacco said to be the equal to the Quebec product. They announce their intention of going into tobacco raising on a large scale next year.

WINTER HARD ON BABY

The winter season is a hard one on the baby. He is more or less confined to stuffy, badly ventilated rooms. It is so often stormy that the mother does not get him out in the fresh air as often as she should. He catches colds which rack his little system; his stomach and bowels get out of order and he becomes nervous and cross. To guard against this the mother should keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house. They regulate the stomach and bowels and break up colds. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Canada's First Hemp
The hemp crop for 1921—the first year that it has been cultivated extensively—will be large, according to a Winnipeg company, under whose direction farmers in the province seed and sow the hemp. Five hundred tons will be realized at Portage la Prairie.

There is no poisonous ingredient in Follis's Compound, and it can be used without danger or injury.

Woolen Mill For Victoria

British Syndicate Will Specialize in Worsted Materials

A British syndicate proposes the establishment of a woolen mill in the city of Victoria. The company states that it is its intention to specialize in worsted materials of high quality, and carry through the entire process from cleaning and preparing the raw wool to the production of the finer grades of worsted suitings.

Value of B.C. Minerals
An estimate based on official returns places the value of the mineral productions of British Columbia for 1921 at \$24,553,909.



School Survey

A careful survey of the youth of Winnipeg between 14 and 18 years of age has just been completed by the Winnipeg School Board. The results show there are 10,708 boys and girls from 14 to 18 years of age in the city; the boys numbered 5,066 and the girls 5,642. The survey was undertaken to ascertain what proportion of the children completing studies in the public schools have proceeded to the secondary schools.

Dyed Her Skirt To Make Child A Dress

Each package of "Diamond Dyes" contains dye or tint for old worn, faded things such as dresses, blouses, sweaters, etc. You put a new, rich color into old shabby skirts, dresses, waists, coats, stockings, sweaters, coverings, draperies, hangings, everything. Day Diamond Dyes the other kind—like perfect home dyeing is guaranteed. Just tell your druggist whether the material you wish to dye is wool or silk; or whether it is linen, cotton, or mixed goods. Diamond Dyes never streak, spot, bleaches or ruins.

Chill has opened an official pawnshop to advance loans on reasonable terms to workmen.

Worms feed upon the vitality of children and endanger their lives. A simple and effective remedy is Mother Graves' Worm Extirminator.

By making your purchases from your local merchant you are contributing direct to the prosperity of the community in which you live.

CATARHAL DEAFNESS

Is greatly relieved by constitutional treatment. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE, a constitutional remedy, cures Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an infected condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed, the middle ear is affected, and the hearing is lost. When it is entirely closed, deafness is the result. The inflammation can be reduced, your hearing restored, and the Eustachian Tube opened. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE acts through the blood on the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube, thus reducing the inflammation and restoring normal conditions.

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Counting House Genuis

An electrically-driven instrument is now made which moistens the gum on envelopes, turns down the flap, seals them up, then stamps them, counts them and turns them out ready for post—all at the rate of one hundred a minute.

It is usually safe to say that when a child is pale, sickly, peevish and restless, the cause is worms. These parasites range the stomach and intestines, causing serious disorders of the digestion and preventing the infant from deriving sustenance from food. Miller's Worm Powders, by destroying the worms, correct these faults of the digestion and serve to restore the organs to healthy action.

The Marvels Of Aluminum

When Alloyed With Other Metals Weight Practically Unchanged

Ever since aluminum was produced in a commercial form the greatest interest has been taken in its application to various engineering structures where lightness with strength is desirable.

It was soon found that when aluminum was alloyed with other metals its strength was greatly increased without any great change in weight. Various alloys of aluminum have been used in the structure of airships and aeroplanes, and the results have been so promising that a special committee was formed in Great Britain to undertake systematic research of the properties of aluminum alloys. A report recently issued by this committee embodies the results of seven years of research conducted in the National Physical Laboratory, which is subsidized by the British Government. This research has resulted in the discovery of many alloys which are of great promise for practically all kinds of engineering, particularly motor car manufacture, railway rolling stock, internal combustion engines and steam engineering.

The only problem awaiting solution is the production of these alloys on a commercial scale. Already a beginning has been made in this direction by a British Government factory; and British manufacturers are looking closely into the possibility of producing some of these wonderful substances for regular use in place of steel.

Minard's Liniment For Warts, Corns, Etc.

Inexpensive Meats

BY LORETTO C. LYNCH
An Acknowledged Expert in All Matters Pertaining to Household Management.

In the farmhouse, meats are considered a rare treat, and the ingenious housekeeper has devised ways of serving these delicacies. It is now possible for the city housewife to get meats, as the meat packers are sending them daily to the city meat markets.

Beef, pork or sheep meats may be used. The chef in our best hotels, too, have discovered ways of serving them. Try some of these recipes:

Braised Meats

Slice one pound of pork meats, cover with boiling water, let stand ten minutes, drain and wipe dry. Then, put into a stew pan one carrot, two onions, sliced, and a bouquet of herbs. Lay the meats on top of these with enough stock or boiling water to about cover. Simmer with the cover on for about one hour. Remove cover and put into the oven to brown. Dish up some mashed potatoes, put meats on the potatoes, strain the gravy and mix it well with a sharp sauce, pour it over and serve.

Melts Venetienne

Slice and cover the meats with boiling water, drain and wipe dry. Cut the meats into small pieces and place in the frying pan in which about four tablespoons of butter has been melted. Add two onions sliced fine, a little chopped parsley and salt and pepper to taste. When the meats are browned and well done and the onions tender, squeeze the juice of a lemon over them and serve in a border of steamed rice.

Liver may be substituted for meats in either of the recipes.

The housewife often pauses by the oxtails at the meat shop, scarcely realizing their possibilities. Before proceeding to use these in any recipe they should be treated as follows:

Wash and soak them, cut in two-inch pieces in cold water for one-half hour. Drain, cover with boiling water and cook for twenty minutes. Drain. They are now ready to be prepared in any manner desired.

Grilled oxtails are a "special" at one of our metropolitan restaurants, and are delicious. Prepare them as directed above and then place them in a saucepan. Add two cups of water and one onion. Steam until tender, then lift and drain. Place in a baking dish, season with salt, pepper and a little grated cheese and cook in a hot oven for about ten minutes. Serve with a curry or rice.

Oxtail Pot Pie

Prepare two oxtails as previously directed. Place in a deep saucepan and add one quart of boiling water, a bunch of soup herbs, one carrot cut in slices and one onion cut in quarters. Bring to a boil and cook slowly until tender. Put this in casserole and add one dozen very small par-boiled potatoes, four large onions cooked until tender with one-cup of carrots. Thicken the gravy with corn starch and season with salt and pepper. Strain over the tails and vegetables in the casserole. Then cover with pie crust and bake forty minutes in a hot oven.

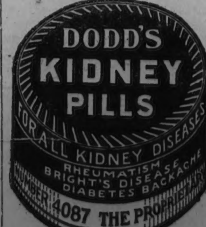
Cuts and Bruises Disappear.—When suffering from cuts, scratches, bruises, sprains, sore throat or chest and any similar ailment, use Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Its healing power is well-known in every section of the community. A bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil should be in every medicine chest ready for the emergencies that may always be anticipated.

Apples For Scotland

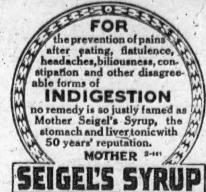
An initial shipment of 770 boxes of apples has been sent from Grand Forks to Vancouver, for shipment direct to Glasgow, Scotland, by way of the Panama Canal.

Minard's Liniment For Distemper

Prefers Horses to Auto Truck
One of the largest department stores in Chicago, is reported to have recently ordered for sale nineteen used auto trucks, and the same week placed an order for fifty heavy draft horses.



W. N. U. 1408



Coal Mines Under Sea

Cumberland and Nova Scotia Have Workings Beneath Ocean

In England, the workings of the Cumberland coal field run two miles out under the sea. The ventilation of these mines is a nice engineering problem, but it is successfully accomplished. At Workington, England, in the year 1837, before the science of surveying was as highly developed as at present, the sea burst through and the workers were drowned. Some of Nova Scotia's coal mining is also done beneath the bed of the sea.

Windsor Castle is like a small town in itself, containing hundreds of inhabitants.



"Cascarets" If Sick Bilious, Headachy From the Bowels

Get a 10-cent box now. You men and women who can't get feeling right—who have headache, coated tongue, bad taste and foul breath, dizziness, can't sleep, are bilious, nervous and upset, bothered with a sick, gassy, disordered stomach, or have a bad cold. Are you keeping your bowels clean with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passageway every few days with salts, cathartic pills or enemas? Cascarets work while you sleep; cleanse the stomach of sour, fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from liver and carry out of the system all the constipated poison in the bowels. A Cascarets physic to-night will straighten you out by morning.

Mother! Open Child's Bowels With California Fig Syrup

Your little one will love the "fruity" taste of "California Fig Syrup" even if constipated, bilious, irritable, feverish, or full of cold. A teaspoonful never fails to cleanse the liver and bowels. In a few hours you can see for yourself how thoroughly it works all the sour bile, and undigested food out of the bowels and you have a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers keep "California Fig Syrup" handy. They know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

It pleases -
Gold Standard Tea
-the palate. 31

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For Tired Housewives
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a complete and delicious dish well cooked and well seasoned in the great Clark Kitchen — Like all "CLARK GOOD THINGS" the cost is modest. Good at any time—especially for the unexpected guest. Keep an assortment of "Clark Good Things" on hand.

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You wouldn't put on hobble to run a foot race

Then why load up on handicaps for the day's work?

A good deal of food, unwisely chosen, does weigh the body down and clog the digestion, and dull the brain.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wyatt has been in Edmonton the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rubnok paid a visit to the capital last week.

Mrs. H. W. Love and Miss. Grace Love are visiting friends in the city.

Mr. C. C. King and C. Costin have been attending the teachers convention at Edmonton.

Born, Friday, January 29th to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Tate, a daughter, both doing nicely.

Mrs. W. M. Riley, late of Irma, but now of Viking, is visiting Mrs. T. Shaw and other friends in the district.

Don't forget the Ladies Aid play "A Southern Cinderella" on Feb. 8th. You may have been there before, but come again.

We are sorry we made a mistake last week and advertised Mr. Mallinson's roosters at \$15.00 each instead of \$1.50. Mr. Mallinson has offered to divide the \$15 with us if any one sends it along, so it may work out O. K.

On account of the very cold wind Saturday night the crowd at the picture show was smaller than usual. The next show will be on Saturday February 11th.

Electric Light Plant changed hands Monday night. It looked as if the Irma merchants would be deprived of electric light at the end of the month. Mr. C. Christenson had notified some of the patrons that he intended to give up the Delco plant at the end of the month and if they wanted light after then they would have to get someone to buy the plant and run it. After considerable discussion as to the best plan for arranging to continue the service it was arranged that Mr. C. Latimer take over the plant, and the patrons arrange for extra wiring needed to extend the service. This will be the third change since the plant was installed.

SUNNY BRAE NEWS

The two scheming gentlemen are warned that no further attempts must be made. Threatened one has a body guard.

The Literary organization is developing rapidly. All talents are being brought to the front, some can sing others can whistle and the rest can speak a piece. After their regular meeting a half hour of solid fun is spent in games.

Our boys are developing a fine art of pick pocketing. Since the brilliant idea was conceived the girls can keep their handkerchiefs in fact Carl has five or six with the letter "M" decorating one corner, and George goes one better with six or seven "N's".

Charlie Seton is looking forward to his seventh anniversary.

Albert Bottaro is with us again, after long illness. Welcome home "Albert".

Stuart Fenton has just recovered from a bad cold.

Charlie Miles is still learning. While breaking in a horse last week, he learnt to keep near the snow banks in case of accident.

Charlie's dog is looking forward to a hard summer. By this time he has quite a store of bones under the granary. His motto is "Be Prepared".

Mrs. F. W. Higgins and Eric Richardson have been to Edmonton for a few days.

Mr. Jas. Fenton and Miss Rena Fenton are spending a few days in Edmonton.

Mr. Sid Miles has been attending the Trustees convention at Edmonton.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The hockey match which was to have been played between the Wainwright High School and Irma last Saturday, was postponed on account of bad weather.

Owing to sickness, Dale Hoover has been absent from school for the past week.

Eric Richardson is spending a few days in Edmonton.

The annual visit of the nurse at the schools has a marked value. It is an opportunity for the parents to become acquainted with the minor physical defects of their children, which would in many cases be overlooked, and so insure the health of the child. Health cards are filled out for each pupil, and left at the school. The results of the nurse's inspection are entered on these cards each year. A health record of each child from year to year is thus kept.

The pupils who drive in to school, three to six miles, these thirty below zero mornings, are to be commended for their determination. We have no fear concerning the future success of such pupils.

U. F. A. CONVENTION
REPORTED BEST
EVER HELD

Mr. Tollef Korstad, the U. F. A. reporter, has summarized the convention at Calgary in his report for this week, and while he had not the space to go fully into many features of the meeting, we believe our readers will find his sketch very interesting, and that he has handled it in sufficient detail to make comment outside this article unnecessary.

Just passed into history was a great one in different ways and is too big an affair to do justice in a short article.

This peoples parliament is of added importance because of the fact that the U. F. A. is responsible for putting the present provincial government into power and they were put into power with a thorough understanding that they are elected to do the people's will. It is therefore reasonable to expect much of the crystallized opinion enacted into law. All the cabinet with the exception of the premier were in attendance and were called upon for advice and the convention showed its confidence in them in any resolution which effected the different departments.

As the daily papers have given the representatives from labor also thought we can work together in harmony and mentioned how well we had worked together in the past. We had a representative from the C. P. R. with us and he also was allowed to give his advice on the freight rates which came up.

The convention had very big problems to discuss, such as the wheat board, the wheat pool, and livestock shipping to England. The question of banking and credits was also one of much interest and was well explained by Mr. Bevington.

We had a visitor from the U. S. Grain Growers, who explained to us what they proposed to do over there. A resolution was passed in favor of the continuation of the wheat board which was abolished by the Meighen government.

space to the convention every day, I will only try to give some impressions which may be of interest.

The large Baptist church in which the convention was held was crowded and for a few days was the busiest part of Calgary. We received fine treatment at the hands of those in charge of the church and the pastor, Rev. Bingham, made friends with the whole convention. In the evening he gave a short talk which was always well received. We were also entertained by the Hayden quartette and different soloists and every day we had community singing led by a choir master. Throughout the convention, all events were marked with orderliness and harmony, and at the close both the pastor and the deacon expressed their admiration of the high order of the work done and the conduct of the affairs of the convention.

On the first days the usual committees were appointed and some reports made. President Wood gave his address which is always a treat and one of the great features of the convention.

As usual we had with us different fraternal delegates from the following organizations: Saskatchewan Grain Growers, United Labor, War Veterans and also one from the unemployed of Calgary.

Mr. Musselman of Saskatoon delivered a speech that kept the crowd in rous of laughter. He paid the U. F. A. the greatest compliment by expressing his opinion that we were much in advance of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers in organization and in accomplished results, and in quality the best ever. He also paid a tribute to our former presidents Mr. Tergillus and Mr. Speakman, and also the late Mr. Baker.

President Wood, he holds in high esteem and referred to him as a sage and a seer. I don't know but that he referred to him as a prophet. Premier Greenfield also came in for his share of admiration. To finish with, the pastor came in for a few bouquets. The visitor from the veterans expressed his appreciation of what the farmers are trying to do and also how much our interests are identical.

The election of officers took some time, but went off without a hitch, our President, Wood, was unanimous choice to succeed himself. Four men were to be elected on the executive committee and the nominations were made in writing the day previous to election. These honors were sought after as about forty names appeared on the paper. However, some withdrew, so that only 28 remained. Among these were Melvin Hough and our mutual friend, Mr. F. Smith

from Sedgewick. Each of the candidates had to make a five minutes speech before the ordinance, and then pass on into the U. F. W. A. convention in the adjoining rooms for another inspection and another speech. We therefore had the pleasure of having a wonderful array of talent passing before us in a continual stream. Smith, of Sedgewick, brought down the house in his inimitable style. We are told, he said, that the farmers can't succeed for the lack of men for leaders, but here we see forty young Mosses pulled from out of the bull-rushes in a few minutes time. Neither Smith nor our Camrose delegate got there, but considering all the great men nominated they were in good company. Everybody can't be adopted by Pharaoh's daughter.

Each federal constituency elected their own director. In Victoria the race was between F. Smith and G. Roose and resulted in the re-election of our Camrose man—Canadian.

SENCE

"By Pat i."

"Entered in good faith and without prejudice."

Now my good readers let me whisper to you. I have made a number of enemies since my little item appeared in print a couple of weeks ago. Its too bad, but if the shoe fits put it on. But why not take a joke as it was meant for one. If you take offence at little things like that you will have a pretty hard time making your way through this wonderful old world of ours. Think it over and weigh it well before you lose your temper. If you notice our genial "Billie is still wearing his smile. So follow his example.

There was quite a crowd attended the dance that night. Some say it was a hard time dance but if all reports are true it didn't look much like hard times as nearly all the ladies wore pretty flowered dresses and bungalow aprons. But the men seemed to appreciate a hard time better as the majority of them wore overalls. Lee and Henderson's orchestra furnished excellent music, but why change a two step to a one step and risk being fined, as it is reported one of our business men and his partner were fined \$10.00. But it must have been exaggerated. We are told our local barber has been paying particular attention to the different steps so don't be surprised if he starts a dancing academy in connection with the barber shop. And "Dad" was on the job too, showing them how to dance and hold their leads right. Stay with it Dad and keep up the good work. Congratulations!

It is reported that Charlie Latimer is taking over the electric light plant. Oh, Boy! how glorious to think we are not to be plunged into darkness, as we need the reflections of the lights as we tread our way home on the beautiful sidewalks of Irma or better still to keep us from falling into the holes where there are no sidewalks. Perhaps that is the reason there are not more of the people attend church on dark nights. We extend to you all an invitation to attend church, especially the young men and old business men as we notice a few strangers around town. Those who have not heard Mr. Elliott have missed a treat also the splendid music furnished by the choir. Great credit is due Mr. and Mrs. Elliott for their splendid work along that line. So come and bring a friend or two.

One of our local young men seems to be enjoying himself immensely, lately, so don't be surprised to see him wending his solitary way to the little catholic school on the hill some fine morning. But they say there is no room for beginners, however, with his persuasive manners he may get a seat beside the teachers.

JARROW

Last Wednesday evening the young people of Jarro met in the church to organize for the Winter's activities. They decided to meet every Wednesday evening the program for each meeting to be left in the hands of appointed committees.

Music (Negro melodies), games and "dats" constituted the evenings program and was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be held at Mr. G. A. Matthews farm.

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VIKING

Over 300 people took advantage of the cordial invitation extended to the community to attend the "house warming" and dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Loades to celebrate the opening of their splendid new up-to-date residence which has been erected on their farm one and one half miles west of town. The house was duly inspected from basement to garret by the large crowd and pronounced one of the finest in the district and one which the host and hostess may truly feel proud of. The dancing floor was crowded all of the time. Lunch was served at midnight after which the jollification was continued until the proverbial wee sma' hours.

The dimensions of the new farm residence are 30 x 30, inside measurement, with full basement and two stories high. There are ten fine airy rooms, plastered and finely finished throughout. The house is well heated with a hot air furnace, and a Delco light plant furnishes light throughout the entire building. The architecture is somewhat unique, the house being patterned after the C. P. R. station houses, or chalets, on the main line in the mountains. The frame of the house is constructed entirely of logs. A fireplace in the main sitting room adds a very homelike and inviting appearance and no doubt the family will enjoy many evenings at this fireside especially during the long winters.

The dream that brought about the realization of some day owning such a splendid farm and home really began 36 years ago when Mr. Loades left Cromer, Norfolk, England, for Canada's shores. Leaving the Old Country, like so many have before and after him, seeking larger opportunities to make good in the world, he landed in Russell, Manitoba in 1885, for a visit with an aunt and uncle, and for a time was employed on a farm in that district. Later on he heard the call of the big city and worked at the carpenter trade which he had learned as a boy in the Old Country. The wanderlust struck him again after a few years, and one fine morning found himself in the city of Vancouver, B. C. Here again he took up his trade and made good headway. But the city was not for him, so in 1904 he heard the call of the land and came to Alberta and took a chance on a homestead, as the old saying goes, "the government bet him 160 acres of land to \$10 that he couldn't stay on it three years without starving to death." However, it is proven that he chose a good district and he won the government's bet long ago, but not without a struggle.

At that time (1904) the G. T. P. was not built as far west as Viking. The nearest railway point was Wetaskiwin from where all provisions, lumber, etc., was hauled by team or oxen. It required about two days for the trip over what was then known as the old Battledore Trail. Mr. Loades was the first settler in township 47-12 and also built the first buildings. While not so pretentious as his present new dwelling it served the purpose of "home sweet home." It was the usual type of sod shack so familiar in the early days of this district and in many instances is not yet extinct by any means. The first years on the land were very trying. Indeed Mr. Loades wonders now how he stayed with it. Those years are recalled as the "wet years" and are often referred to by old-timers in their reminiscences of the early days.

Life on the homestead while quite interesting and exciting at times, proved monotonous, so Mr. Loades took the next important step in his life—he got married—which was all another step toward the realization of that dream of a home in the west that began on that fine October morning in Norfolk, England. The family now numbers six healthy children, four boys and two girls.

Mr. Loades was not overladen with worldly goods when reaching Viking in 1904. He had \$250 in cash and after buying a grub stake had \$50 in his pocket. He applied himself to the conditions as they confronted him. Among other things he trapped muskrats and sold them at the magnificent price of 6 cents per hide. (If the writer remembers correctly, Mr. Loades states that he made several sales to Hon. Geo. P. Smith, then a merchant at a point near Camrose.) To say the least Dame Fortune and Prosperity have since smiled on the two Georges, the subject of this article now farming nearly a section of land.

Everything has not been rosy however. He sustained several losses but stayed with the job, and states that anyone who applies himself to the conditions in this country will make good in the long run.

Mr. Loades is a great believer in mixed farming as the surest way to success as a farmer. He has a fine herd of purebred Shorthorn cattle and recommends them as the most suitable and profitable to raise in this district. He has held several positions

of trust during his seventeen years' residence in this community, such as a member of the school board, justice of the peace, and is at present reeve of the Municipality of Iron Creek. Since the recent appointment of the Hon. Charles Stewart to the Federal Cabinet, Mr. Loades has been mentioned as a possible candidate for provincial parliament to represent Sedgewick constituency, and no doubt if given the nomination and elected he would represent the constituency to the best of his ability and make an honorable record. His intimate knowledge of municipal affairs makes him peculiarly well fitted for a seat in provincial parliament.

The best wishes for long and continued prosperity are in order for this pioneer and estimable family.

The Holden hockey team played here Monday evening and made three goals while our boys made two. The local line-up was weakened by the injury to H. Hilliker. A dance was held in the hall after the game. The Holden goal tender made a remarkable showing stopping a storm of shots that continually rained around the goal.

The curlers returned from Edmonton on Friday. They came in sight of the jewelry in several competitions. In one competition the two Viking rinks were drawn against each other. McAtthey winning the game against Ross. It is reported that Viking will be represented at the Wainwright bonspiel next week.

The Women's Institute girls Club are holding a dance in McLeod's hall on Tuesday evening, February 14th. Cards and dancing will be the order of the evening. Good music and a good time assured. Everybody is given a cordial invitation to attend. Lunch served.

Mrs. Jas. A. Aldred is reported to be improving nicely in the Edmonton hospital from the accident in Holden a couple of weeks ago when she was accidentally shot through the chest by a .22 calibre rifle.

Jack Heric is now in charge of the skating and curling rink.

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